

Welcome!

We welcome you in the name of Christ! Our website ChristCentralPCA.org offers a lot of helpful information about our church family. For questions or to share a prayer concern, call the office at 813-774-3881, ext. 700 or email us at church@ChristCentralPCA.org.

Here are some things that might be helpful to you:

- The Welcome Center is located in the lobby. If you are a first-time guest, we would love to meet you.
- Please join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby immediately after the worship service.
- We have bible study / Sunday school classes for all ages. You can find the time, topic, and location for each class at the Welcome Center.
- We have a clean, efficient and safe nursery available for infants and toddlers in the education wing of the church. We also have a cry room in the back of the sanctuary, so please feel free to use it when needed.
- As part of the covenant community, children are invited to participate in worship. We also offer a *Children's Worship* program during the sermon for children ages K4 through 2nd grade in Room 5. The children are dismissed during the singing of the Doxology by walking to the back of the sanctuary and following the Children's Worship leader out.

Order for the Divine Service of Worship

December 1, 2019 - 11:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Veni, Veni Emmanuel
John Michael Trotta

*Please adjust all electronic communication devices so as not to disrupt the service.
Let us quiet our hearts before the Lord*

Silent Reflection

Advent means “**coming**.” It is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ’s second coming as well as his first. The glowing flames of the candle remind us of the star of Bethlehem, and most of all, the Light of the World Jesus Christ. The lighting of the candles calls us to worship and sets this time apart as holy.

Of the five candles, **three candles are blue, one is rose, and one is white**. The blue candles represent the attitude of hope and expectation with which we anticipate His coming. Blue also represents the attitude of humility and repentance with which we anticipate His coming. The rose candle, the Shepherd’s candle, stands for God’s love and faithfulness. The white candle in the center represents Christ’s holiness and perfection.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Fernandez Family

The First Candle is the **prophecy candle**. It reminds us that Christ’s coming was revealed by God through the prophets hundreds of years before Christ was born.

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

****Hymn**

All Glory, Laud and Honor
Hymn #235

****The Invocation**

****The Apostles' Creed**

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

****The Gloria Patri**

Hymn # 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The First Scripture Lesson

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. ²He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm. ³He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in the Lord. ⁴How blessed is the man who has made the Lord his trust, and has not turned to the proud, nor to those who lapse into falsehood. ⁵Many, O Lord my God, are the wonders which You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. If I would declare and speak of them, they would be too numerous to count. ⁶Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; my ears You have opened; burnt offering and sin offering You have not required.

(Continued...)

⁷ Then I said, “Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. ⁸ I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.” ⁹ I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I will not restrain my lips, O Lord, You know. ¹⁰ I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

Psalm 40:1-10 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Confession of Our Sins

“Jesus, for your name sake, do that which your name proclaims. Jesus, pardon the pride that pains you and look upon the unhappy one that calls upon your tender name—name of comfort, name of delight, and to sinners, name of blessed hope. For what does your name mean, Jesus, but Savior? Therefore, for your name’s sake, be to me, Jesus, a merciful Savior. Amen”

The Assurance of Pardon

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming

Michael Praetorius/Arr. John Rutter

Lo, how a Rose e’re blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse’s lineage coming as men of old have sung. It came, a
flow’ret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was
the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind, with Mary we
behold it, the Virgin Mother kind. To show God’s love aright,
she bore to men a Savior, when half spent was the night.

Repeat Verse 1

The Second Scripture Lesson

For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. ²Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? ³But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. ⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, but a body You have prepared for Me; ⁶in whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. ⁷"Then I said, 'Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) to do Your will, O God.'" ⁸After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them" (which are offered according to the Law), ⁹then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:1-10 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

The Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

The Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Arr. Joseph M. Martin

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet, a king, born
to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By
Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne! By
Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone.

Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

The Third Scripture Lesson

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." ³⁰ After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:26-30 NASB

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

**The Offertory Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hymn #201

**Offertory Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Once in Royal David's City

Arr. Mark Hayes

****The Doxology**

Hymn # 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Children K4 - 2nd Grades may be dismissed to Children's Worship in Rm. 5

The Message

Rev. John K. Keen

Senior Pastor

****Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

(v. 1-2)

The Words of Institution & The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Wine is served in the outer most ring of the tray; Grape juice in the inner rings.
Communion bread is gluten-free.*

****Hymn**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Hymn #193

(v. 3-4)

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Johann Christoph Bach

***All who are able, please stand*

**Unless specified, all Scriptures texts are from the NIV-1984*

Announcements

Order Your Poinsettia

It's time to place your orders for poinsettias to beautify Christ Central for Christmas. The cost of each plant is **\$7.00**.

If you would like to place an order please respond on the Connection Card or email the following information to church@christcentralpca.org:

1. Quantity Desired
2. How the plant(s) is to be dedicated.

Please make your checks payable to CCPC (marked Poinsettias), and place them in the offering plate. The deadline for ordering is **December 8th**. Plants may be taken home following the Christmas Eve service.

Congregational Meeting

Please make plans to attend our annual congregational meeting on **Sunday, December 15, immediately after the morning worship service.**

The purpose of this meeting is: 1) present the 2020 Church Budget to the congregation and entertain and address any questions not already answered previously; 2) elect new officers; 3) to elect and seat/reseat trustees of the corporation; and, 4) a disciplinary matter the outcome of which the Session deems necessary to share with the congregation. No other business will be discussed at this meeting (per our *Book of Church Order*).

Cookies and Carols

On **Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 PM** we will be singing our favorite carols chosen by all of you. This will be followed with a fellowship time featuring delicious, homemade cookies. Don't miss this opportunity to invite family and *especially your neighbors* to this informal gathering where we will be singing the beautiful music of Christmas and have a time of fellowship to follow. **Please RSVP by December 8** on your Connection Card if you plan to attend and if you are able to provide cookies for this event.

Youth Ice Skating Christmas Party

December 8, 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Cost: \$15

Required: Notarized Medical/Release form (pick forms up from church office or download from website. Note: Church member Tami Lang is a notary and can notarize these forms at no charge!)

Bring: A wrapped gift (no more than \$5 in value)

Details:

- Sign up deadline, TODAY
- Meet at the Dalton's by 4:30 PM. Transportation will be provided to ice rink and then to the Dalton's home for dinner and gift exchange.
- Parents pick up your son/daughter at the Dalton's home at 9:00 PM. (5903 N Tampa St.)

This Week at Christ Central
December 1 – December 7

- SUNDAY:** Coffee and Conversation, 10:30 am
Morning Worship, 11:00 am
- TUESDAY:** Ladies' Bible Study, 10:00 am (Room 15)
- WEDNESDAY:** Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- THURSDAY:** ESL Ministry, 7:00 pm
- FRIDAY:** Senior Covenant Group, (Room 16), 10:00 am

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

Christian Education – Adults, Youth, & Children

Class/Grade	Class Teacher(s)	Class Room
Ages 2-3/Toddlers	Bev Thomson	6
Ages 4-6/ K4 - 1 st Grade	Tami Lang & Raquel Fernandez	5
Ages 7-10 / 2 nd - 5 th Grades	Kelly Fernandez & Donna Waugh	8
Middle School / 6 th -8 th Grade	Steve Pothoven	Rio Center
High School / 9 th -12 th Grade	Ben Lambers	Rio Center
Adult - Worship	Danny Dalton	
Adult - Exploring 1 & 2 Peter	Randy Johnson	15
First Presbyterian Church of Tampa Bay - Learning How to Pray	Rev. Jofre Santiago (Portuguese)	12

CHRIST CENTRAL AT WORK AND WORSHIP

Last Sunday's Attendance: 107

Last Sunday's Offering: \$ TBD

For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have. 2 Cor. 8:12

Volunteers

Greeters / Ordained Officer

	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
<u><i>Greeters:</i></u>	Bryan Toenes	Fernandez Family
<u><i>Ordained Officer:</i></u>	Servy Fernandez	Alex Fernandez
<u><i>Communion Set-up:</i></u>	Randa Gravanti	Donna Waugh

Children's Worship Volunteers

	<u><i>Teacher</i></u>	<u><i>Helper</i></u>
<i>Today:</i>	<i>Lisa Johnson</i>	<i>Kaela Dalton</i>
<i>Dec. 8:</i>	<i>Kelly Fernandez</i>	<i>Sam Fernandez</i>
<i>Dec. 15:</i>	<i>Jane Lambers</i>	<i>Eleanor Fernandez</i>

Coffee Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Loretta Salgado</i>
<i>Dec. 8:</i>	<i>Glenda Williams</i>
<i>Dec. 15:</i>	<i>Carol Moberg</i>

Nursery Volunteers

<i>Today:</i>	<i>Kaleigh Williams</i>
<i>Dec. 8:</i>	<i>Shannon Pothoven/Raquel Fernandez</i>
<i>Dec. 15:</i>	<i>Jamie Dalton</i>

Kid Builders Volunteers

<i>Dec. 8:</i>	<i>Stephanie Williams</i>
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Fellowship Snacks

Next Week Dec. 8: <i>Laura Strickland</i> <i>Ginny Bremer</i> <i>Jamie Dalton</i> <i>Judy Wildeboer</i>	Dec. 15: <i>Therese McKenzie</i> <i>Lisa Johnson</i> <i>Kelly Melendi</i> <i>Joan Hacquebord</i>
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